

## **CHAPTER 67.1-02-05 LICENSURE POLICIES**

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**67.1-02-05-01. Reciprocity of suspensions and revocations.** North Dakota will have reciprocity for suspensions and revocations with other states during the suspension time and will determine acceptance of applicants case by case based on applicable North Dakota laws and denial procedures under section 67.1-02-02-06.

**History:** Effective July 1, 1995; amended effective October 1, 1998.

**General Authority:** NDCC 15.1-13-09, 15.1-13-10

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-13-10, 15.1-13-25

**67.1-02-05-02. Experience.** Teaching experience in approved kindergarten, elementary, middle level, secondary, and postsecondary teacher education programs and employment with the education standards and practices board, department of public instruction, or state board for vocational and technical education will be granted as experience for license renewal.

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**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-13-10

**67.1-02-05-03. Reserve officers training corps instructors.** Reserve officers training corps instructors must submit verification to the education standards and practices board that they meet the military requirements for junior ROTC instructors, submit to the initial licensure background check, and pay all relevant fees. An individual meeting these requirements shall receive a license with a restriction to that area.

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**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-13-10, 15.1-13-11, 15.1-13-14

**67.1-02-05-04. Endorsements, added degrees, and restrictions.** The North Dakota educator's professional license is issued as described in section 67.1-02-02-02. This license qualifies the holder for regular classroom teaching or for functioning in areas with the proper endorsements and restrictions as assigned. Degrees and endorsements in content areas of elementary, middle level, or secondary schools, educational pedagogy, or educational leadership

must be obtained through regional or state-approved teacher education programs and meet North Dakota program approval standards for the content area.

1. **Endorsements.** An individual holding a valid North Dakota teaching license may request endorsements in kindergarten, elementary, middle school, bilingual, secondary, or content area minor equivalency endorsements or any other endorsement issued by the education standards and practices board. Specific requirements appear in chapter 67.1-02-03, regarding reeducation. A one-time, nonrefundable review fee of seventy-five dollars must accompany the request to add an endorsement.
2. **New degrees.** A newly acquired major, minor, or new degree may be added between renewal periods by submitting official transcripts, a complete application form, including part six, completed by the college or university, and paying the regular renewal fee for those renewing two-year licenses or five-year licenses. An additional two-year or five-year extension, respectively, is added to the license expiration date at the time of the addition of the new major, minor, or degree.
3. **Added qualifications on life certificates.** An individual who holds a life certificate under section 67.1-02-02-01 may add degrees or endorsements to the education standards and practices board licensure records by submitting official transcripts and paying the review fee pursuant to subsection 2. An official duplicate of the life certificate showing the added degree will be issued to the life certificate holder at the time of the addition.

Official duplicate copies of lost life certificates or renewable licenses will be provided at a cost to the holder of twenty dollars.

4. **Restricted licenses.** Programs that include a specialized rather than a regular professional education core are issued licenses that restrict the holder to teaching in that specialty area. Applicants must submit the completed application form, original transcripts, fees, and fingerprint cards to the education standards and practices board prior to licensure.
  - a. Restricted licenses are issued to applicants with master's degrees in:
    - (1) School psychology. The kindergarten through grade twelve school psychology restricted license will be issued to those applicants who have a master's degree in school psychology from a national association of school psychology-accredited institution.
    - (2) Speech-language pathology. The kindergarten through grade twelve speech-language pathology restricted license will be issued to those applicants who have a master's

degree in speech-language pathology or communication disorders, one hundred hours of school-based practicum, and have graduated from a program accredited by the council on academic accreditation of the American speech and hearing association. Applications for renewal of the bachelor level speech-language pathology license will be denied after July 1, 2010.

- b. Restricted licenses are issued to applicants with baccalaureate degrees in the following areas who do not also meet qualifications for regular early childhood, elementary, middle level, secondary, or kindergarten through grade twelve licenses as stated in section 67.1-02-02-02:
  - (1) Mental retardation education. The mental retardation kindergarten through grade twelve restricted license will be issued to those people qualifying for a valid North Dakota teaching license in special education who hold a bachelor of science degree major in mental retardation. The applicant will only provide consultative services.
  - (2) Hearing-impaired education. The hearing-impaired kindergarten through grade twelve restricted license will be issued to those applicants who have a bachelor of science degree major in education of the deaf with thirty-two hours of hearing-impaired qualifying coursework. The applicant will only provide consultative services.
  - (3) Visually impaired education. The visually impaired kindergarten through grade twelve restricted license will be issued to those applicants who have a bachelor of science degree with a major in visually impaired and twenty-one through twenty-three semester hours in qualifying visually impaired coursework. The applicant will only provide consultative services.
  - (4) Preschool and kindergarten handicapped. The prekindergarten handicapped restricted license will be issued to those applicants who have a baccalaureate degree in early childhood special education.
  - (5) All other special education categories require regular elementary or secondary qualifications.
  - (6) Career and technical education. The trade, industry, technical, and health occupations restricted license will be issued to applicants holding a baccalaureate level degree in career and technical education if that degree does not include the general education or regular professional

education core as required for regular licensure under section 67.1-02-02-02, and is restricted to teaching in grades seven through grade twelve.

- (7) Reserve officers training corps. The reserve officers training corps license will be issued pursuant to section 67.1-02-05-03.
- (8) Native American language instruction. The Native American language restricted license will be issued to those applicants holding a baccalaureate level degree in Native American language if that degree does not include the general education or regular professional education core as required for regular licensure under section 67.1-02-02-02.

c. Restricted licenses are issued to those nondegreed applicants in:

- (1) Career and technical education. Restricted licenses are issued for trade, industry, technical, and health occupations in accordance with section 67.1-02-04-06 and are restricted to teaching in grades nine through twelve.
- (2) North Dakota American Indian language instructors as pursuant to North Dakota Century Code section 15.1-13-22.

d. Teachers with restricted licenses may teach or substitute teach only in the restricted specified area.

## **5. National board certification.**

a. Definitions:

- (1) "Board" means the education standards and practices board.
- (2) "Certification" means national board certification as provided by the national board.
- (3) "National board" means the national board for professional teaching standards.

b. Board duties. Based upon receiving state dollars, the board shall:

- (1) Inform teachers of the national board certification program and the scholarships and services the national board provides to teachers seeking certification.
- (2) Collect and review in the order received scholarship applications from individuals who are licensed to teach by the board or approved to teach by the board.

- (3)
    - (a) Approve no more than seventeen state-funded applications per year;
    - (b) During each year of the biennium, reserve three of the available scholarships for individuals teaching at low-performing schools;
    - (c) Require the recipient to serve during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in a public or nonpublic school; and
    - (d) Require the recipient to participate in mentoring developed and implemented in the employing school or district.
  - (4) Ensure that all scholarship recipients receive adequate information regarding level of commitment required to acquire certification.
  - (5) If any individual who receives a scholarship under this section does not complete the certification process within the time allotted by the board, the individual must reimburse the state an amount equal to one-half of the amount awarded to the individual as a scholarship.
  - (6) Collect and review in the order received scholarship applications for national board recertification from individuals who are licensed to teach by the board or approved to teach by the board and:
    - (a) Approve no more than two scholarship applications per year under this subsection;
    - (b) Require each recipient for a scholarship under this subsection serve during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in a public or nonpublic school in this state; and
    - (c) Require each recipient to participate for a scholarship under this subsection to participate in mentoring programs developed and implemented in the employing school or school district.
- C. At the conclusion of each of the first four school years after the individual received national board certification, the individual is entitled to receive an additional one thousand five hundred state dollars if:

- (1) The individual served during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in public or nonpublic school; and
  - (2) The individual participated in any efforts of the employing school district to develop and implement teacher mentoring programs.
- d. As a prerequisite, the applicant must:
- (1) Have acquired a baccalaureate degree from a state-approved or accredited teacher education program;
  - (2) Hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional license;
  - (3) Have successfully completed three years of teaching at one or more elementary, middle, or secondary schools in North Dakota; and
  - (4) Currently be a North Dakota kindergarten through grade twelve public or nonpublic classroom instructor.
- e. The applicant may apply:
- (1) For the guide to national board certification, which includes the application process by contacting the education standards and practices board; and
  - (2) For one-half of the application fee by submitting the completed application to the education standards and practices board by December first. Based upon availability of state funds, applications will be accepted and funded on a first-come, first-served basis. One-half of the application fee will be matched with federal dollars.
- f. Upon documented successful completion:
- (1) The national board for professional teaching standards certification may be added between renewal periods for a fee of one hundred dollars; and
  - (2) An additional ten years is also added to the license expiration date at the time of the addition of national board for professional teaching standards certification.

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**67.1-02-05-05. Foreign transcripts and special needs.** The content of the laws and rules for teacher licensure may be fulfilled by providing the required documentation through a third party authorized by the candidate through a signed, official verification provided to the education standards and practices board in cases where foreign transcripts or adaptations for special needs are involved.

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**67.1-02-05-06. Levels of licensure.** North Dakota professional educator's licenses are categorized into three levels, based upon educational preparation and employment experience, as follows:

1. Level I indicates that the licenseholder still has educational or employment requirements to meet before receiving the regular level II license, or that they are not currently maintaining contracted employment. The licenses in this category include the initial license, provisional license, interim emergency license, interim reciprocal license, reentry license, and the two-year renewal or substitute license with less than eighteen months of contracted teaching experience. Life certificates as described in section 67.1-02-02-01 will appear as level I licenses since they do not report their status through renewals.
2. Level II indicates that the licenseholder has met all of the educational and employment requirements in sections 67.1-02-02-02, 67.1-02-02-04, and 67.1-02-02-07 for a regular five-year North Dakota educator's professional license.
3. Level III indicates that the licenseholder either:
  - a. Meets all of the requirements for level II regular five-year licensure and has earned advanced degrees beyond the bachelor's level (master's, specialist, or doctoral); or
  - b. Holds national board for professional teaching standards advanced licensure as stated in subsection 5 of section 67.1-02-05-04.

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